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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 28-35,38-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102e) as being anticipated by SEDUN et al 6972273.

Metal & HEDP chelates (col. L2, lines 46-line 42, col. 3) @ instant % (col. 4, lines 30-36) are combined with fertilizers (col. 5, lines 10-20) and food sources effective as baits- amino acids & carboxylic acids, fatty acids & urea (col. 5, lines 46 -48). Ph adjusters include citric acid(col. 6, top) @ 0.1-5%. Gycols also are used (col. 6, line 26-30). Solid baits are seen as the dry concentrate @ col. 6, line 16,17.

SEDUN also provides dry compositions (summary, column 6, lines 16, 17) as one mode. This meets applicant's composition, since no patentable weight is given to future intended use as bait. See column 5, lines 6-14 and 45-48; column 6, lines 2, 3, 16, and 17; and fertilizers and amino acids. Other examples of ingredients present in SEDUN that can be seen as applicant's claimed dry food source effective as a bait.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim28-36, 38-44 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2368284 in view of SEDUN et al 6972273

GB teaches EDTA and metal complexes of EDTA chelating agents as solid mollusc baits (page 3, summary). Carrier include the instant claim 36 seeds, wheat (page 6, top; page 7, bottom; page 4, lines 7-9) and other food stuffs and phagostimulants, preservatives, and taste modifiers (page 6, lines 17-19). Included are sugars, yeast, dairy products as casein and malt as beer products (page 6, lines 26-28). The baits are in dry form: powder (page 7, line 16).

The word "dry" is absent, but the ingredients are those of the instant "dry" bait.

EDTA is the only chelator. SEDUN has the instant phosphoric acid chelators-HEDP and ATMP and phosphoric acid (column 3, lines 17, 31, 32, 41, and 60.)

The chelators are shown as equivalent to EDTA.

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SEDUN has the same dry components as the applicant. At claim 36; carrier of gelatin, fish by-products, and at claim 35, fatty acids and salts thereof, carboxylic acids and salts thereof; and claim 40-citric acid and applicant claims these as dry food components, but fails to disclose moisture content, if any.

SEDUN also provides dry compositions (summary, column 6, lines 16, 17) as one mode. This meets applicant's composition, since no patentable weight is given to future intended use as bait. See column 5, lines 6-14 and 45-48; column 6, lines 2, 3, 16, and 17; and fertilizers and amino acids. Other examples of ingredients present in SEDUN that can be seen as applicant's claimed dry food source effective as a bait.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made desiring to utilize pest control means, to use any of art recognized means, as of the GB granules modified as desired to increase stability, dispersibility, compatability of ingredients, processing ease, & toxicity .

All the critical elements of the instant are disclosed. The amounts and proportions of each ingredient are result effective parameters chosen to obtain the desired effects. It would be obvious to vary the form of each ingredient to optimize the effect desired, depending upon the particular species and application method of interest, reduction of toxicity, cost minimization, enhanced, and prolonged, or synergistic effects.

Applicant has not provided any objective evidence of criticality, nonobvious or unexpected results that the administration of the particular ingredients' or concentrations provides any greater or different level of prior art expectation as claimed,

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and the use of ingredient for the functionality for which they are known to be used is not basis for patentability.

The instant invention provides well known old art recognized compounds, with well known art recognized effects, applied by well known art recognized methods to achieve improved control as is well known in the art.

One would be able to substitute any of the SEDUN chelators for the GB EDTA, in order to advantageously control both the herbicides of SEDUN and mollusc of GB. Combinations are also permitted. The testing to identify the optimum effective chelator is obvious for the artisan to accomplish, with expectation of success, since the number of chelators is limited.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM EST..

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